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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO TRANSITION THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL BUILDING INTO A NETZERO ENERGY BUILDING THAT PRODUCES ITS OWN RENEWABLE ENERGY.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's energy sector is undergoing a transition to renewable energy, which will stimulate smart growth that benefits future generations in Hawaii and deliver cost-effective energy that is environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS, to complete this transition successfully, and to ensure maximum benefits for Hawaii's people and businesses, it is important that all relevant entities are aligned in the goal of achieving one hundred percent renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, a net-zero energy building is a building with no net energy consumption, or more specifically that the building's total amount of energy used is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on-site or off-site; and

WHEREAS, as the seat of state government and home to various legislative and executive state offices, the Hawaii State Capitol should also exemplify the very laws and policies espoused by the agencies housed within it, such as the renewable portfolio standards; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Capitol building has participated in a green building challenge and other energy-saving initiatives in the past; however, additional steps must be taken to fully capture available renewable energy sources to offset energy expended in operating and maintaining the building; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Department of Accounting and General Services is encouraged to transition the Hawaii State Capitol building into a net-zero energy building that produces its own renewable energy on site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller.

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